

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract Of The Disclosure as follows:

A labeled receptor having a specific binding site for the autoantibody, i.e., labeled intrinsic factor, ~~bound to a solid phase~~, is mixed with the sample. The sample is next contacted with a solid phase to which is bound a binding pair member, e.g., anti-intrinsic factor antibody, that will bind to the labeled receptor competitively with the autoantibody to intrinsic factor. An interference blocking reagent may be mixed with the sample prior to or simultaneously with the labeled receptor, to bind substance(s) capable of binding to the autoantibody site of the labeled receptor. ~~and then combined with an anti-intrinsic factor antibody that binds competitively with the autoantibody to intrinsic factor.~~ The presence or amount of autoantibody in the sample is then determined.